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PATENT APPLICATION  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Gerlach et al.  
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FOR: Novel Proteins and Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, replace the paragraph starting on line 3 with the following paragraph:

- This application claims priority from U.S.S.N. 60/235,631, filed September 27, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/235,633, filed September 27, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/235,808, filed September 27, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/236,064 filed September 27, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/236,065, filed September 27, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/236,066, filed September 27, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/236,135, filed September 28, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/237,434, filed October 3, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/238,321, filed October 5, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/238,399, filed October 6, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/238,396, filed October 6, 2000; U.S.S.N. 60/276,667, filed March 16, 2001; U.S.S.N. 60/294,823, filed May 31, 2001; and U.S.S.N. 60/304,868, filed July 12, 2001 each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

On page 6, delete Table A starting at line 5.

On page 130, line 25; insert the following table:

- TABLE 9. Sequences and Corresponding SEQ ID Numbers

NOVX Assignment	Internal Identification	SEQ ID NO (nucleic acid)	SEQ ID NO (polypeptide)	Homology
1a	83420733_EXT	1	2	Insulin Like Growth Factor Binding Protein Complex-Acid Labile Subunit-like
1b	AL356413.6	3	2	Insulin Like Growth Factor